



Alberta C.C.F. Membership Up

C.C.F. M.P. VISITS CANADIAN SOLDIER



PERCY WRIGHT, M.P. (C.C.F.-Melfort) is shown centre above chatting with Pte. Ralph Jannack of Ottawa in sick bay during a recent visit to Canada's 27th Brigade in Hannover, Germany. Veterans' Affairs spokesman for the C.C.F. group in Parliament, Wright has been attending the United Nations Assembly sessions in Paris as a member of the Canadian delegation. At left is Leon Balcer, Liberal M.P. for Three Rivers, P.Q.—National Defence Photo



**PERSONAL
STUFF**
BY
E. E. R.

This will be an active year for all political parties in the three western provinces. There will be elections in British Columbia (probably in June), in Saskatchewan (also likely in June) and in Alberta (my guess is August, maybe the 7th or 14th). The situation in British Columbia is what the "army" communiques used to call "fluid." The coalition, that marriage of convenience which was entered into to stop the C.C.F., has ripped apart leaving both of the parties badly frayed at all the edges. One of the uncertainties of the situation has to do with the new method of voting enacted at the 1951 session of the legislature. It provided for voting by the preferential ballot as in the single member constituencies in Alberta. But the change has not been proclaimed and there is some doubt about whether the new system will be used in the coming election. And even if it is used there is much speculation about how second choices will go. The Liberals and Tories are so mad at each other that it is by no means certain that they will favor one another in the marking of second choices. They may prefer the C.C.F. to each other. Another factor to be present in the coming contest is the activity of the Social Crediters. They've been telling some great yarns out there (everybody in Alberta gets hospitalization for \$1 per day!) and it seems they've made some headway in a few constituencies in the interior.

The only uncertainty in Saskatchewan is in the number of seats the C.C.F. will win back from the

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Prices Still Top Issue In Parliament

OTTAWA (CPA).—The plight of Canadians trying to stretch shrinking dollars round higher-than-ever prices will still be the biggest issue facing Canada's Parliament when it gets together again late in February.

Prices problems featured last fall's session with debates on C.C.F. demands for price control and on government proposals to end maintenance of resale prices by manufacturers and wholesalers. The high-price issue will come up this time as a world problem as well as a purely Canadian one. A lot of Parliamentary time is likely to be spent on debates on the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and its biggest weak point, the inability of member nations to pay their military bills with prices rising on all sides. In addition, C.C.F. members can be counted on to hammer at long-standing demands for price controls and subsidies to bring down the prices of essential foods.

Big Surplus

An inflation side-issue will be the government's growing surplus. (Continued on page 8)

Liesemer Will Give Radio Talk March 10

A. J. E. Liesemer, M.L.A., will be the speaker in the "Provincial Affairs" broadcast on Monday, March 10th, at 6:45 p.m. The talk will be carried by Dominion network stations CERN and CFCN with a "delayed broadcast" from CHAT at 9 p.m.

Prepare For Election - Nominations Announced

By NELLIE PETERSON

Liberal Crosses Floor In Sask.

The Opposition in the Saskatchewan Legislature was reduced by one when L. Marcién Marion, Athabasca, left the Liberal front benches to cross the floor of the house and sit with the Government, as an Independent.

In a statement, Mr. Marion said that while he would support the government on measures he considered beneficial to the province, he would on the other hand act as an independent on all issues.

Action of the far north member in cutting his ties with the Liberals created little surprise, as in the past he has spoken out in praise of the government. During the last session he paid tribute to the department of education, noting the many improvements made through its northern education program. Standing of the house now is 31 C.C.F., 19 Liberals, and two Independents.

C.C.F. Will Contest All 48 Seats In B.C.

VANCOUVER.—All 48 seats in the next British Columbia general election, which is expected to be held this summer, will be contested by the C.C.F., it has been announced at provincial headquarters.

Edmonton C.C.F. To Nominate April 4

Nominating convention for the forthcoming provincial general election will be held on Friday, April 4, by the Edmonton C.C.F. in the I.O.O.F. Hall, it was decided at the regular meeting on Tuesday.

Next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 18, in the I.O.O.F. Hall. Annual banquet in honor of the 200 C.C.F. M.L.A.'s Elmer E. Roper and A. J. E. Liesemer, will be held at the Corona Hotel on Wednesday, March 19.

Corporation Profit Is 20 Per Cent More

OTTAWA (CPA).—Corporation profits and other investment income piled up by Canadian coupon-clippers during 1951 were 20 per cent higher than those gathered during 1950, according to official national income statistics released here. Wage and salary income rose only 17 per cent in 1951.

Total gross national product in 1951 was over \$21 billion, the physical volume of production was up 5 1/2 per cent over 1950.

C.C.F. CANDIDATE



ARCHIE OLSTAD

of Edberg, was nominated as C.C.F. candidate for Camrose at a nominating convention held last week. Born at New Norway 35 years ago, he farms a section of land at Edberg, specializing in livestock production. He has been president of the Camrose C.C.F. Constituency Association for the past several years. He is now the president of the Edberg Curling Club and also heads up the Co-op store executive at Edberg. A long-time member of the C.C.F. Mr. Olstad is an active participant in community affairs and is highly respected in the riding.

Surface Rights Issue To Fore

Disturbed about the protection of surface rights and expressing a general feeling that farmers are not getting a fair deal in the province's oil development, 200 residents of the Falun community, west of Wetaskiwin, met last week to discuss the matter.

The meeting, which was not sponsored by any organization, listened to sharp criticism of the treatment given to farm owners in areas where oil was being produced.

It was decided to set up a Surface Rights Protective Committee to work with similar bodies in other parts of the province in an attempt to obtain greater consideration for the rights of the farmers who own the land on which wells are drilled.

P.W. Published On Fourth Saturday

The People's Weekly is now being published on the fourth Saturday of each month which means that copy should be in the P.W. editorial office, 10010 102nd Street, not later than Tuesday of the week of publication.

Ask Plebiscite On Farm Power

Farm electrification was considered to be a major issue in the rural areas of the province by the meeting of the Provincial Executive of the C.C.F. held in Edmonton this month.

The meeting requested C.C.F. members of the legislature to introduce a resolution as early as possible in the coming session calling for a plebiscite on the question of extending rural electrification through a public power commission. It was decided also to ask C.C.F. members throughout the province to conduct a poll to give residents of the province an opportunity to express their wish for a provincial power system to provide farm electrification.

Provincial Program

The committee reviewed the decisions of the provincial convention in respect to a provincial program and a sub-committee was appointed to consolidate these into a concise platform for the coming election.

This statement when it is issued will set out the party's stand in favor of a hospitalization scheme, low-cost automobile insurance, greater financial aid to municipalities, rural electrification and other features of the party's program.

The Function Of An Opposition In The Legislature

Elmer E. Roper, M.L.A., in a "Provincial Affairs" Broadcast

Roughly, an opposition party has three functions, all extremely important. First is to watch carefully the manner in which the government of the day is administering public affairs and to call public attention to any case of mismanagement; second, to oppose in the legislature and out of it any legislation which it thinks will have a harmful effect on the lives of the people; third, and probably most important of all, to propose and promote, in the legislature and out of it, legislation which it believes will bring benefit to the people.

Let me give you two examples from the records of the Alberta legislature to illustrate the part which an opposition group can play in promoting needed government action.

Medical Aid For Pensioners

The first has to do with medical aid and hospitalization for the recipients of old age pensions and mothers' allowances. In the session of 1945 my colleague Mr. Liesemer and I moved a resolution in the legislature asking the government to give consideration to providing free medical and hospital care for all old age pensioners and their dependents and for all widows and their dependents who were getting the mothers' allowances. The resolution was defeated in that session.

In the next session we moved it again. Again the government members turned it down.

We moved the resolution a third time in the 1947 session and again it was defeated.

Then Came 1948

But in the session of 1948 the government announced in the speech from the throne that it would provide, in budget to be presented in that session, for the payment for medical care for pensioners and recipients of mothers' allowances.

You see, through our resolutions moved in the legislature and the publicity given to the debates on the matter, the public became interested. People thought it was a right and proper thing for the government to provide free medical and hospital care for pensioners. In the constituencies throughout the province voters began to let the members of the legislature know that they were annoyed over the government's refusal to accept the proposal. Public opinion began to assert itself. So the government acted.

I am not citing this incident to boast of any accomplishment of a particular opposition group, but rather to illustrate the importance of a progressive opposition party that believes that one of its chief functions is to act as a prod to the government of the day to move it to action that it might not otherwise take.

Fight For Rural Electrification

Farm people of Alberta are I think familiar with the fact that the C.C.F. has carried on an aggressive fight for rural electrification for the past fifteen years. When we obtained representation in the legislature in 1942 we began to press the matter there. We kept up a constant campaign also on the radio and through our paper and on the platform. The issue had become important enough by 1944 that the provincial government thought it would be politically unwise to go into the election in that year without

out having done something about rural electrification. So in the 1944 session the Alberta Power Commission Act was passed. This act in itself is a very good one. Under the Act everything that the farm organizations are asking the government to do could be done. It is a good act. But it's like a nice shiny new car which the owner keeps sitting in the garage because he's afraid to drive it. It hasn't gone anywhere.

Scared Power Companies?

However, there is this to be said for the Power Commission Act. It did throw a scare into the power companies and they came to the conclusion that if they didn't do something about rural electrification the government would be compelled by public demand to use the Power Commission Act to get electricity to the farms. And so the power companies have been carrying out a highly publicized program whereby some farms in the more settled areas are getting electricity, if the farmer is willing to pay a thousand dollars or more to pay for the line.

However, this partial program, which the government defends, is obviously not meeting the needs of the farm population and the farm organizations and the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts are demanding in a stronger way than ever that the government use the powers of the Alberta Power Commission Act to set up a provincial power system to provide: (1) Development of electric power as a public utility under a provincial power commission; (2) Rural lines built into the farmer's yard, including transformer, without charge; (3) Farmers who have already paid for lines to be reimbursed by the power commission.

As I have said, there is now on the statute books of the province an act which permits the government to take all these steps asked for by the farm organizations. But during the 1951 session of the legislature the C.C.F. members moved a resolution requesting action, the government took the position that it was bound by a plebiscite taken in 1948 in which a majority of the people of the province voted against public ownership of power production and distribution.

It is true that there was a majority—a majority of 151—

for a continuance of the present system. But it was a loaded result. Although there was a majority of more than twenty thousand for public development in the rural constituencies, the cities, except Edmonton, voted strongly against the project. This result was obtained when the power companies spent thousands of dollars for advertising in which they told city people that their electric rates would go up if they voted for the rural electrification scheme. Government spokesmen echoed this propaganda.

Prepare For

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preparation of this goes back to your own constituency and, where C.C.F. locals, or individual members undertake a canvass and send in a number of memberships, that proportion increases to \$1.00 out of every \$3.00 or \$5.00 membership.

You can help build your own campaign fund as you build the CCF!

The fee is kept low purposely so that no one may be barred by lack of funds from joining the C.C.F. But fees alone, at their present low level won't build our movement unless membership numbers greatly increase. Organization work and pamphlets are expensive; so, in accordance with our principle, "from each according to his ability," we ask all who can afford to do so, to make their contribution to the organization fund also. The five-spot or the hundred dollar bill—that won't break you—is the kind of backing that will make our movement a power in the land!

Wherever Clubs or Locals are organized a really impressive score can be made as several groups have provided. Modeste Creek Club led by Chairman Vic Anderson and Secretary A. H. Cumberland of Lindale, at a friendly "gathering of the clan" collected \$145.00 in memberships, subscriptions and Fund donations. Hey's that for an example to follow?

Of course you all know that 1952 will bring us a provincial election campaign? C.C.F. people in every riding have the final decision as to whether or not they enter the race.

In most constituencies there will be little doubt about their entering. The C.C.F. is a political party, but it is also much more than that. It is a body of people bound together by sins of principles, which are, we believe, vital to the progress of man; it is the only organization through which men and women can practice the political democracy of which we boast; it has the only program made by and for the ordinary people of the country; its candidates are the only ones who, when elected, will owe neither debt nor service to any but the people themselves.

Win By Fighting Campaigns. Whether we are elected or defeated at the polls, it remains true

that the rates in the cities will not go up under public development. They are more likely to go down.

Mixed With Party Politics. The plebiscite taken in 1948 was also inconclusive because the voting on the power question was done on the same day as the provincial election and it was all mixed up with party politics. In the coming session of the legislature it is the intention of the C.C.F. members to move a resolution in which they will ask that another plebiscite be taken at a time separate from the provincial election, and that plenty of opportunity be given for the widest possible discussion of the issue.

That we win by fighting campaigns for worthy objectives. Many people—unfortunately too many people—"tune in" their political brains only at election time; and so it is that in this "listening" period C.C.F. truths get a better than usual chance of being heard and understood.

Nor is that the only gain we make by entering the campaign—yip, lose or draw; every vote cast for C.C.F. policies speaks in a loud voice to the powers—that be, and demands some answer. Old-age pensions without a means test is a widely recognized example of this.

Only a few days ago the C.C.F. received as a tribute to it and to our late great leader, J. S. Woodsword, the donor's first old-age pension cheque, and he was a man who sacrificed much to give it!

Camrose constituency is the first to enter the race with a fine young farmer, Archie Olstad, as our standard-bearer. A number of constituencies have set dates for

nominating conventions; others are tentative.

About 11 per cent of the farms of the province now have electricity. In the United States nearly ninety per cent of all the farms are electrified. And yet there is not a state in the union with power potentialities as great as Alberta. In Idaho, for example, 95 of every 100 farms have electricity. In Alberta 11 of each 100. No wonder the farm people and their organization are becoming impatient about it. Our small C.C.F. group in the legislature has kept this issue before the government and the people.

Lac Ste. Anne is planning what has proved a very successful type of convention. On Monday, Feb. 25th, at 6:30 p.m., the convention opens with a banquet (tickets \$1.50). Speakers and business follow. This kind of convention provides the leisure and opportunity for a pleasant as well as an instructive and useful evening.

Red Deer Convention is to be held in the Buffalo Hotel on Tuesday, Feb. 26th, 2:30 p.m. Wetaskiwin Constituency meets at a luncheon, put on by the women of the C.C.F. Clubs in and near Wetaskiwin, on Thursday, Feb. 28, at 1:30 p.m.

If your constituency hasn't moved yet, get in touch with your constituency secretary. He's probably waiting for you!

This review of C.C.F. activity must include a reminder—check over the pamphlet columns of the P.W., and get your order in. Now is the time to pass around a few "eye-openers" to your friends.

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ANOTHER MILESTONE

I have an old friend who retired some eight years ago, from his work as a railroad man, on a small pension of forty-five dollars per month. At first he was able to supplement his meagre income by occasional work and keep up some kind of a respectable standard of life. As he drew near to his "three score and ten" he had to give up the casual work and his little pension became his sole income. His savings, were exhausted and so his standard of living dropped to the "tea and toast" level. What few amenities of life he had enjoyed had to be given up. The cost of living kept rising and his little pension was melting away like a snowball in May. But he was a proud man and he bore his poverty like a stoic. When I met him occasionally I noticed the gaunt look on his face and his clothes were shabbier.



He didn't go out very often and I thought he was depressed. The "means test" barred him from receiving the federal pension, because, you see, he wasn't completely a pauper. He had an "income." I didn't blame him when he referred to the "old age pension" as a pauper's allowance, because he was right. That's all it was—a pauper's allowance.

Well, I saw my friend the other day, and he had a 'bright' look about him as he bid me good morning. When I asked him what there was good about it, he pulled out a long envelope and in it was his first Canadian universal pension check for 40 dollars. From another pocket he pulled out his railroad pension check for 45 dollars. His income had doubled as if by magic. That would be better food on his table. Perhaps a new overcoat or a pair of new shoes for his bed. He wasn't a pauper any longer. And my heart glowed.

I wished the late Jimmy Woodworth were alive to see this day. His heart would have glowed too. Because he was the father of the Old Age Pension Act introduced over a quarter of a century ago. And I thought of the Rev. Stanley Knowles, C.C.F. member from Winnipeg, successor of J. S. Woodworth. I remembered his persistent struggle in the House for the removal of the means test, the doggedness with which he pursued his task as if possessed with a single objective. I thought of the hundred of C.C.F.'ers who gave their time and effort within Labor and farmer organizations to rally public sentiment against the shame of the means test. And all the others who gathered names on petitions to help melt the cold, cold hearts of those who in their positions of power and prestige professed Christianity but denied assistance to the needy pioneers of Canada, who crowded about Canada's wonderful riches and prosperity, who budgeted untold millions for armaments, boasted about great surpluses but could

SHOULD WORRY ABOUT COMMUNISM

Sir: Mr. Bronson is asked to explain what he means when he says "The thing we have to worry about is not Communism—but Capitalism."

Now, what is exactly meant by "Capitalism" and what is meant by "Communism"? Taking Capitalism first, I would say that Capitalism is the use generally of capital. We are all I suppose more or less Capitalists to a larger or smaller degree. Some Capitalists, large ones, have a tendency to misuse their power. This can be curbed by democratic governments. This would be done by a government, such as our C.C.F. government would be. Capital and Capitalism would be made to work for the good of all the people like the Labor government was doing in Great Britain.

Now to my way of thinking I see nothing wrong in this. I believe that all wealth has originally come from labor either in savings or filched as interest or profits and should rightfully go back to work for the people. The thing to worry about is to get the right kind of government.

Now what is Communism? What does Mr. Bronson think of Communism? The Russian brand is meant, I suppose. Should we worry about it? I know it caused the British people a lot of worry when the Communists marched in to Korea and is still doing so. Britain charged Russia with using the threat of overwhelming force and aggressive and subversive policies throughout the world to prevent peace.

Britain slowly and unwillingly has come to the conclusion that Russia's aim is to undermine the independence of free nations and to build up a coalition to undermine the United Kingdom.

The two statements, quoted above are from a British note to Russia.

Communism is something to worry about and a real threat to democratic government and we should get busy and try and elect the right kind of government that will do away with the evils of Capitalism that constitute the germs that Communism thrives on.

At the present time our boys are fighting along with other troops of the U.N. in Korea. How not see that we are our brother's keeper.

Yes indeed, every member of the C.C.F. who has maintained his card in the movement or has given his support to it, in some way or another can take heart that our efforts are bearing fruit. If we could only see the glow in the gaunt faces of those thousands of pioneers who this month received their first pension checks, we would have no doubt about the importance of the C.C.F. as a people's movement in the struggle for universal social security.

The removal of the means test is only one milestone along the road to universal social security. There are many others to which we may point with pride and satisfaction. But there are much more to be done yet. We must not rest, nor let temporary adversity discourage us from our task of removing the scourge of poverty and insecurity from our lives and the lives of our fellow-citizens. Let us build new fires to melt the cold hearts of those who in their ignorance and selfishness are blinded to the needless suffering of their fellow creatures in Canada and the world over.

The People Speak

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can we as a political party expect to get votes and support in Alberta or Canada when we declare that Communism is no worry of ours?

I believe that the C.C.F. should go on record as opposed both to Communism and Fascism.

Yours for a C.C.F. we can be proud of,

HARDY WEAR.

R.R. 3, Vermilion.

Editor's Note: The C.C.F. officially, and very definitely has done what Mr. Wear suggests—condemned both Communism and Fascism.

CLARIFIES REPORT OF SPEECH

Sir: I appreciate very much Mr. Milner's request for clarification of the P.W. report on my Calgary statement.

Any abbreviated report of a speech lends itself to confusion of meaning. Mr. Milner has put his finger on an example of this.

In essence, my statement was that in North America, capitalism is the thing to worry about. Capitalist governments prevail. Capitalist monopolies increase their power over industry, government and public opinion at an alarming rate. The time may well come when this power will be great enough so that a combination of DuPont, Rockefeller, Morgan, etc., will be prepared to challenge even our British parliamentary traditions of gradual change.

The ready-made weapon of such a group is the use of Communism as a bogey as was done by Hitler and Mussolini.

This is a much different problem to the one posed by Mr. Milner when he says, "We should remember that farmer (not 'former' as misprinted) C.C.F. membership has never advanced any wish to have their individual capitalist privileges demolished." The farmers and the monopolies are becoming less and less similar. While the monopolies concentrate and expand their power over the nation's workers, farmers are being driven more and more to do without the "hired man" altogether, and thereby lose almost their last slight point of resemblance to the capitalism which is getting a stranglehold on our continent.

To show the farmer that he is not a capitalist, but is rather a victim of the capitalist, is one of our main jobs.

As to the worry in Alberta, Mr. Milner will probably not object seriously to my view that the approach to a one party totalitarian regime here is capitalist, not Communist.

H. E. BRONSON.

Cherhill.

BACKS IRVINE ON CITIZENS' FORUM

Sir: Re Citizens' Forum meeting over CBC, 9 p.m., February 20. I was surprised at the interruptions during Mr. Irvine's address and the effort of Mr. Davie to choke him off. Here we have a representative of the Canadian people versus three representatives of Canadian finance-capital, who by their statements would make this country a subservient satellite of Wall Street. Without firing a shot, American capital has been able to walk in and take over a vast amount of

our natural resources and in this they have been aided and abetted by the so-called representatives of the people of Canada.

Mr. Davie believes in the use of force. So did Hitler but he was a mere amateur compared to his successors.

I could take Mr. Davie back to the plébiscite of May, 1942, and the result thereof. Had I been a Liberal at that time I would have found a hole, crowded in, and pulled the hole in behind myself. The province of Quebec, (Liberal) gave a negative vote of over a million and again at the Battle of the Bûche, Christmas, 1944, some 14,000 went home for Christmas and did not return. I am sure no good Tory would do this, or a member of Mr. Irvine's party, so we would have to divide the 14,000 between the Secords and Mr. Davie's own party.

We absolutely agree with Mr. Irvine on the points raised, China, Korea, Japan and Germany. And Mr. Irvine is not alone. Last spring over 86 British Divisional Labor Parties representing 1,000,000 members endorsed a resolution almost identical to the points brought forward by Mr. Irvine. Copies were sent to me by the secretary agent of the Labor Party, which originated the resolution, but were suppressed or ignored by the majority of the Canadian Press. "Our free press?"

Canada, as Mr. Irvine stated, is now 85 years old and should now stand upon her own feet and not be fettered by entangling alliances. She should be free to work out the destiny of a great country devoted to progress and peace, something now impossible while we are owned and controlled by a large outside power, whose rulers are now bent on world control.

Congratulations to Mr. Irvine on his fine address which we endorse, and more power to the common people of Canada.

Sincerely yours,

ERNEST H. TUDOR.

Morningside.

FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND CONSCIENCE

Editor, The People's Weekly,
Sir: I wish to express my appreciation of the address given by Harold Bronson at the Calgary C.C.F. convention. My idea of a

Our Error

We regret that in the letter in our last issue, "Explanation, Please," signed John F. Milner, two typographical errors occurred. These were the printing of "former" for "farmer" in paragraph five, and the substitution of the word "communism" for "capitalism" in the J. A. Spender quotation. Sorry, Mr. Milner.

democracy is freedom of speech and conscience. When one hears differing opinions—and related facts and selects what seems to him truth and reason and discusses these things, he earns an opinion. Then the most humble citizen has a right—if deeply concerned—a duty—to express that opinion even to those in the seats of the mighty for we democrats believe no one infallible.

A religious sect in Battle Creek, Michigan, have as a tenet, that the earth is flat, because the Bible says so. That is hardly an earned or reasoned opinion any more than "I'm a Tory because Day was." It is very encouraging to me when a young man can give as well prepared an address. I agree with him that the racket system we are now living under called capitalism, is our enemy and refuse to accept Russia as a scapegoat. I refuse to support a war that is destroying a country and its long-suffering inhabitants, for an air base that may help us in some future war. So for a few years I've been a rebel in my party. I am convinced that we waste time and energy trying to convince people who purposely smear us, that we are not communists as Jessup, Lattimore, Claud Pepper and others have found. The Tenry Committee of California report says the victims of character assassination instead of trying to prove innocence should defend the principle guaranteed them by the constitution of the U.S.—freedom of conscience and speech.

My 50 years in Canada: when I joined "The Society of Equity" I, think was the name; then the U.F.A. and a life-time Socialist, welcomed the C.C.F. The most thrilling convention of all, those years was this last. Yes, Socialism is on the march and our ranks must be unbroken.

FAIRY WALKER.

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THE LEGISLATURE

THE 1952 session of the Alberta legislature which opened this week will be the last before another provincial election. Although the term of the present legislature does not expire until 1953, it is seldom that a vote is delayed beyond four years.

It may be expected therefore that some concessions may be made in this session to the demands of responsible groups in the province for needed action by the government in important matters. The municipal organizations have been pressing strongly for a greater share of the province's huge revenue to prevent the increase of municipal taxes. There is in this regard also sharp criticism of the restrictions accompanying increased grants to municipalities.

The farm groups are urging action in respect to rural electrification. In the 1951 session the government took the position that its hands were tied by the result of the plebiscite in 1948. (The result of the plebiscite was a total majority of 151 against public ownership, with a rural majority of more than twenty thousand favoring provincial ownership being wiped out by an adverse vote in some of the cities.) The C.C.F. members will move a resolution next week requesting another plebiscite.

Changes to the Workmen's Compensation Act will probably follow the introduction of a report by a special committee of the legislature which sat during the past summer. This committee was appointed by a government amendment to a C.C.F. motion at the 1951 session.

Although enabling legislation was passed last year permitting the provincial government to make any agreement it thought advisable with the federal government in connection with old age pensions, it is likely that pensions will come in for discussion in the present session.

Altogether it can be expected that the session will have a pre-election color.

RICH HARVEST FOR THEM

THE WAY to cure inflation, say the spokesmen of the Liberal government at Ottawa, is to have greater production. So the government took measures that had the result of greatly increasing unemployment, thus decreasing production. And the cost of living kept climbing.

The United States government did stop the upward trend of living costs, by imposing some price ceilings. The price index actually dropped some in the States at the time it was still soaring in Canada.

The wage earners of Canada, the small business people and the farm population have been the sufferers from the failure of the federal government to maintain price controls and provide subsidies for food products. Big business alone has benefitted. The monopolies have had, and are still having, a rich harvest.

SAVING MILLIONS

AUTOMOBILE owners in Alberta are paying three to five times as much for insurance coverage as the motorists of Saskatchewan pay. And the protection is not anything like as good.

It is difficult to understand the refusal of the Alberta government to adopt a scheme similar to that in effect in Saskatchewan. Is it because a C.C.F. government did it first?

Of course all kinds of false statements are being made in Alberta, often by supporters of the Social Credit regime, about the Saskatchewan plan. It is said, for example, that the taxpayers are paying the difference between the regular rates and the rate Saskatchewan motorists must pay. That is, of course, an outright falsehood. The people who circulate such statements often do so out of ignorance. They repeat what they hear others say. But at the bottom of such stories there is always malicious mendacity.

The Saskatchewan Automobile Accident Insurance Act has cost the general taxpayer nothing. The scheme has carried itself. It built up a very large surplus which the government rightly believed was the property of the motorists of the province and it is being distributed to them in increased benefits, in much the same way the surpluses of a co-operative are distributed in patronage dividends. As a matter of fact the scheme is a huge province-wide co-operative enterprise in which all of the motor vehicle owners of the province are members. And by thus carrying their own motor vehicle insurance they are saving themselves many millions of dollars each year.

The automobile insurance plan and the fine way it has worked out for motorists is one of the reasons why the C.C.F. government will go back with a substantially increased majority in the election which will take place in the coming summer.

Timely Topics

By WM. IRVINE
 C.C.F. Director of Organization

CANADA, AMERICA AND STEEL

"I have not come for money, I have come for steel," was the burden of Mr. Churchill's plea to both Houses in Washington. Canada, too, is going cap in hand to Washington begging a few tons of steel. This is another case of "carrying coals to Newcastle." For according to the Vice-President of Canada's Metal Mining Association, Canada's mineral output is soaring toward 2 billion dollars a year.



The trouble seems to be that the bulk of our iron ore, without which there can be no steel, is destined for American foundries. American capital operates Steep Rock in Ontario which is now putting out 3 million tons of ore per year; Bethlehem Steel has control of the newly discovered iron ore deposit at Marquette, Ontario. Another deposit at Calabogie, West of Ottawa, is in the hands of Algoma Steel Corporation; at Bristol, Quebec the Minnesota-Illinois Iron Company Limited is exploiting the iron ore resources newly discovered there; and the Quebec-Labrador field with a proven deposit of 420 million tons is being developed by a number of subsidiaries of the American Steel Trust. A railway from that field to the sea and the building of docks, etc., suitable for ore shipments are now under construction.

The excuse offered for the fact that American capital controls the iron ore development in Canada is that Canadian financial institutions refused to invest in the industry and that, therefore, if iron ore was to be mined in Canada we should have to depend on American enterprising capitalists who apparently are more "alive to the value of steel in an industrial age than are their opposite numbers here."

Unsafe

If that is true, then it is clearly unsafe to entrust our national economy and the very defence of the state to private enterprisers who are so blind as to leave the nation to face a vast rearmament program without steel, not to mention the importance of the steel industry to the future economy of the nation. Mr. Durell, President of the Iron Ore Company of Canada, in telling why it was necessary to go to America for capital to develop the Quebec-Labrador field has revealed how dangerous it is to entrust the necessary investments of our economy to private enterprise.

It is not only ridiculous, but a crime against the people of Canada, that we should have to depend on any country for our steel. Since our private enterprisers were as blind as Mr. Durell says they were, our government, for defence purposes if for no other, should have seen to it that our iron ore was turned into steel in our own foundries and mills. About one-third of this year's budget surplus would have been sufficient to finance all the iron ore production which Canada would require for steel for many years to come.

But the government trusts to private enterprise. Hon. Mr. Howe feels that he is more of a statesman when he can report that he has persuaded Washington to let Canada have a few paltry tons of steel than he would be if he had made adequate provision to supply ourselves with steel through a publicly owned corporation.

Well, this is just part of "our way of life." Few seem to either know or care about the goal to which that "way" leads. Most people are content to rush down it at top speed without asking questions.

PROMISES A LA MODE

British Labor is keeping a close check on Tory government action. And in as short a time as it is since Churchill came to power, there is plenty to be checked and compared with the promises by which power was obtained.

Here are a few facts which Labor papers are not tardy in pointing out. Lord Woolton said during the election, "I believe that one of the best things we could do to make us all feel able to work harder would be to give us more red meat to eat." That was a strong appeal to a people which had been on rations for about 10 years. The Tory statement of policy in the election rang the changes on this point. It said, "A nation that is to work hard must be well fed. We believe that the adoption of the proposals set out below will secure for this country a better and more satisfying diet."

But did the "policies set out below" result in "more red meat" and more satisfying diet? They did not. There is not only no more red meat, but food imports have been heavily cut.

Again Lord Woolton and his party promised 300,000 houses. But Woolton went much further. He said that his government would ask the building trades, as a piece of national service to build a thousand houses or flats a day "and that he has no doubt that they would do it." But now Housing Minister MacMillan says, "there will be no 300,000 houses this year or next year," and so far nothing further has been heard of building 1,000 flats a day.

Luxury Homes

Another promise was that "There should be no reduction in the number of houses and flats built to let." But contrary to this, "local authorities have been given discretion to issue licenses for the building of houses by private enterprise for sale or to let up to a maximum of one-half instead of one-fifth of their 1952 allocation." This not only means a mere broken promise: it means that people with money will build houses which the poorer people can neither afford to rent nor buy, with the result that materials already scarce will go to building luxury homes instead of necessary homes for the working people.

Another definite promise was that "the Liverpool Cotton Exchange will be re-established." It has now been announced that it is not to be re-established.

But perhaps the broken promise which will tend most strongly toward cutting down government support—and this shows in the sharp drop of Tory support in the last Gallup Poll—is that concerning education and health. It said: "In education and in health some

of the most crying needs are not being met. For the money now being spent we will provide better services." That was the Conservative party's statement in its manifesto. But instead of getting better service the Education Minister, has cut services by 5 per cent, and health services have been reduced by 65 million dollars.

Foolish To Believe Them

Of course Britain is not the only country in which election promises are made for votes. Probably Canada and America capitalist parties could out-rank British Tories in this sort of duplicity. However, the reason political parties make promises is that many people are foolish enough to believe them. Mice have never learned to avoid mouse-traps; fish have never learned that wherever there is a bait, there is a hook. But surely better things can be expected from people than from mice and fish. Well, we shall see. More elections are coming in Canada this year.

THE POWER OF THOUGHT

Mr. James Sinclair, parliamentary assistant to the Minister of Finance, and member for the riding of Coast-Capilano, has succeeded in chalking up at least one record in parliament. According to Frank Swanson, Ottawa Citizen parliamentary writer, Mr. Sinclair debated so vigorously one evening during the last session that he ripped open the seat of his pants causing consternation in the gallery and no little embarrassment to James himself. It appears that James was not only speaking fast and loud but furiously. With every vehement bellow there was a corresponding swinging gesture of the Joe Louis haymaking type. It was while making one of those swings that the covering of the seat of his authority gave way.

Tearing a pair of pants with prices where they now are is a serious matter. Mr. Sinclair will have to learn to control his eloquence. Someone should whisper in his ear that the vigor of one's utterance is not an accurate measure of the merit of that which is being uttered; that truth which is quite capable of speaking for itself can get along as well with a whisper as a bellow. Anyhow, Mr. Sinclair demonstrated during the episode that part of his anatomy which bore the stress of his intellectual efforts.

Rearmament Is Given Precedence

PARIS (CPA).—The Liberal government of Canada has gone on record as giving rearmament precedence over economic aid in its cold-war strategy.

In a speech prepared for delivery over the CBC but not given because of the death of King George VI, Justice Minister Garson stated that the so-called developed countries, including Canada, opposed a new large scale development program because what he termed necessary rearmament expenditures made it impossible for them, while the international tension lasts, to make large contributions to such plans.

Garson's speech was intended to sum up the session of the U.N. Assembly which he has been attending as Canadian delegate.

Canada is contributing \$25 million to the Colombo plan for aid to South-east Asia this year, is planning to spend \$5 billion on arms over this and the following two fiscal years.

New Books and Pamphlets

"Let's Join The Human Race" is the suggestive title of a striking pamphlet, which is now in its seventh edition, by Stringfellow Barr. Price 25¢ at the C.C.F. office, Edmonton.

Here is a brief quotation which should intrigue every enquiring mind: "Willkie was right. It is still one world, a world torn by tension between its two most powerful, states, a world rising against inequality whether of race or of economic opportunity, but still one world inhabited by one human race. What will happen to this world will depend not on us, or on Russia, but on what the human race does. What should they do? If the American government is to find a foreign policy that is constructive, and realistic, we American citizens had better have a good realistic look at the human race."

The author gives us that "good look" and then suggests an international policy to fit the facts. Without a knowledge of these facts there can be no proper understanding of our present world problems. —W.I.

The Sainly Failure Who Changed Canada—By Blair Fraser, reprinted from "Maclean's" who says: "J. S. Woodsworth devoted his life to 'lost causes' like old age pensions, family allowances and pacifism. He broke with the church that ordained him a minister and lost control of the political party he founded. But no individual has had a greater influence on the way Canadians live." 10 cents.

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Have you read Price Control by Monopolies?—Five cents a copy or two cents per copy for 100 or more. This pamphlet is published by the Alberta CCF. It tells the story of inflation, the power of profiteers over governments and it shows that since prices are now controlled by monopolies, the time has come for governments to control monopolies in the interests of consumers. Clubs and Constituency Associations should order these in lots of 100 copies. Write for 100 now and give away those you cannot sell.

The Hour for Political Action is a pamphlet which sets forth in terse and simple language the economic and political issues of America and the world. This pamphlet is the speech of acceptance of leadership by Mr. C. Holdridge at the Holdridge-for-President Political Rally convention in Chicago.

Carroll Wenas Is Appointed Organizer

Carroll Wenas was appointed as C.C.F. Provincial Organizer by the Alberta C.C.F. executive at its meeting this month. He will assume his new duties on May 1st. President of the Alberta C.C.Y.M., Mr. Wenas has been assisting with C.C.F. organizing work during the past couple of years and has also been active in debating circles at the University of Alberta from which he hopes to graduate in the spring with his B.A. degree.

Tablet In Memory Of C.C.F. Preacher

HALIFAX.—A significant event in Maritime C.C.F. affairs was the recent unveiling of a memorial tablet in honor of Rev. L. J. Donaldson in Trinity Anglican Church, Halifax, where this veteran C.C.F. leader had served for over thirty years. The unveiling took place at a regular evening service with a crowded congregation present, to whom the Rector, Canon F. A. Heffler told the story of this great churchman's contribution to the social and spiritual welfare of the city of Halifax and the wider world.

The tablet was unveiled by A. Elmore Webber, a prominent Chugchum and Labor Leader who had also been a candidate for the C.C.F. party in a provincial election. Other leaders of the party occupied front seats through the service.

The inscription on the tablet reads as follows: "In Honored Memory of Rev. L. J. Donaldson, D.D., 1866-1950, Churchman, Democrat-Socialist, Servant of God, Lover of Men. Elected by Halifax Friends, Co-operative Commonwealth Federation."

Edmonton CCF Women To Meet On March 10

The regular monthly meeting of the Edmonton Women's C.C.F. Club will be held on Monday, March 10th, in Woodsworth House.

Banquet Will Honor CCF M.L.A.s March 19

Annual banquet in honor of the two C.C.F. M.L.A.s, Provincial Leader Elmer E. Roper and A. J. E. Liesemer, will be held at the Corona Hotel on Wednesday, March 19, at 6:30 p.m. Always a friendly affair, the banquet will provide an opportunity for C.C.F.ers to get together socially as they honor their representatives in the Legislature and a large attendance is expected.

Mrs. Edsel East is in charge of the arrangements and those planning to attend are asked to phone her at 23205.

CCF Women Entertain At A Bridge Party

Mrs. H. Scott received the guests when the Edmonton Women's C.C.F. Club entertained at a bridge party on Feb. 11th in Woodsworth House. Convened by Mrs. J. E. Cooke, prizes were won by Mrs. A. E. Hughes, Mrs. H. Seal, Wm. Irvine and Edsel East. Mrs. W. Bagnall was in charge of the refreshments.

"Education Week" Meeting On March 7

Highlighting "Education Week" in Edmonton March 2 to 8, will be the public meeting in the new Alberta College auditorium, Friday, March 7, at 8:30 p.m. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Harold Baker of the Faculty of Education, University of Alberta, with Hon. Ivan Casey, Minister of Education, and Dr. Andrew Stewart, President of the University of Alberta, also addressing the meeting.

The Newsboys' Band and school choruses will give selections and there will be displays of students' work as well.

Next FUA Convention To Be Held Dec. 8-12

Next annual convention of the Farmers' Union of Alberta will be held in the Alberta College auditorium, Edmonton, on December 8 to 12, 1952, it was decided at the recent meeting of the Board of Directors.

The Board endorsed a proposal from the Edmonton Union of Rural Municipalities to have the F.U.A. join with the Alberta Federation of Agriculture and the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts in preparing and presenting to the provincial government a brief in support of a new deal on Rural Electrification.

Results in the membership drive were reported well ahead of last year with a good percentage of new memberships coming in.

Hospital Forum Is Largely Attended

Three points of view were presented on the provincial government's hospitalization scheme at a largely attended meeting under the auspices of the Edmonton C.C.F. in the I.O.O.F. Hall on Tuesday evening. The speakers were Gordon Moyer, Reeve of Strathcona Municipal District; Judd Bishop, Edmonton lawyer, and H. G. Turner, secretary of the Edmonton Trades and Labor Council.

The scheme proposed for Edmonton and adopted in principle by the Edmonton City Council at its meeting on Monday, provides that the provincial government would pay 50 per cent of the basic ward charge of \$6.80 after the patient has paid \$1.00 a day. The city would thus pay \$2.90 per patient as its share of the cost. It provides also that the city must provide hospital contracts for non-ratepayers at not more than \$8.00 a year. Upon acceptance of the scheme the city hospitals would be eligible for building grants provided by the federal and provincial governments at the rate of \$2,000 per bed.

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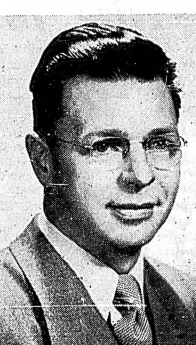
Mr. Moyer said that the assessment for the hospital scheme in his district ran just under a mill and seemed to be working out satisfactorily. In answer to a question he said there wasn't any doubt but that a hospital insurance scheme on a completely provincial basis would be preferable to the present plan.

Mr. Bishop questioned whether Edmonton could afford to increase its city tax rate by another two mills with so many demands to meet in the way of providing utility services for its rapidly increasing population. He deplored also the provincial government's tactics in making capital grants (half of which is contributed by the federal government), conditional upon acceptance of the so-called "Dollar a Day Plan." The "Dollar a Day" title was a misnomer he claimed, as the patient must pay for the "extras" which averaged \$4.00 a day in city hospitals.

Mr. Turner said he approached the scheme from the human point of view and praised the government for instituting the plan. Labor needed something like this, but he stressed, Labor would never rest until a universal health scheme was put into operation on a federal basis. He contended that the provincial plan would largely free hospitals from the "bad debt" factor.

Following a lively question period, President Floyd Johnson thanked the speakers.

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FLOYD JOHNSON

was re-elected to the presidency of the Edmonton C.C.F. at the annual meeting held this month in the I.O.O.F. hall.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of the following application to the Provincial Secretary under the provisions of The Change of Name Act:

I, PAUL ACHTENJENZUK, generally known as Paul John Achten, of the City of Edmonton, in the Province of Alberta, Insurance Broker, HEREBY MAKE APPLICATION under the provisions of The Change of Name Act for a change of name as follows:

From my present name of Paul Achtenjenzuck to Paul John Achten.

My wife's full name is Annie Janette MacDonald Achtenjenzuck.

My unmarried infant child's name and age is Richard John Achtenjenzuck, aged three years.

AND I ALSO MAKE APPLICATION as aforesaid for the change of the given name of my wife from Annie Janette MacDonald Achtenjenzuck to Annie Janette MacDonald Achten;

AND for the change of the name of my infant child from Richard John Achtenjenzuck to Richard John Achten.

I, ANNIE JANETTE MACDONALD ACHTENJENZUK, wife of the above named applicant, HEREBY CONSENT to the foregoing application for change of name.

"Annie Janet MacDonald Achtenjenzuck."

"IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand this 5th day of February, A.D. 1952, at the City of Edmonton, in the Province of Alberta."

Signed by the above named applicant, his wife in the presence of "Paul Achtenjenzuck."

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British Get Wise To Tory Hoax

LONDON (CPA).—Workers in the British Labor Party are reporting bitter public reaction against stepped-up austerity under the Tory government which promised Britishers more "red meat" and fewer controls.

"The people have become wise to the confidence trick which was played on them in October," said Labor Party Secretary Morgan Phillips in a recent statement.

"Before Tory propagandists had hardly ceased crying out that only they could halt, and lower, the cost of living, foodstuffs were rising in the shops," he continued.

"From all parts of the country reports are reaching me of a hardening among ordinary people against the Tories," he added. "Men and women who innocently felt for these calculated distortions, who allowed their hopes to be buoyed up by false promises,

are coming to us, looking again for that control and fairness of government, which they realize can only come from the Labor Party."

Backing up Phillips' statement were increased Labor votes in two recent by-elections and the Gallup Poll survey which shows that the Tories have dropped sharply in popularity. Further evidence of a flection against Tory inability to keep promises that they'd end austerity are expected in next spring's local elections in hundreds of British cities, towns and villages.

Added to Tory failure to honor promises of "more red meat to eat" and "a more satisfying diet" were recent cuts of 5 per cent in education expenditure, following promises to improve educational services. Adding still more fuel to the Labor fire were prospects of

more-than-nominal charges for the use of Britain's National Health Service.

U.N. Committee To Confer On Cartels

United Nations, N.Y. (CPA).—A special ten-nation United Nations Committee has begun a series of conferences on the role of cartels and restrictive trade practices in impeding international trade and production and in blocking the development of technologically backward areas.

The Conferences are being held under the auspices of the U.N.'s Economic and Social Council, at the suggestion of the International Cooperative Alliance. Committee Chairman is Ingvar Svennilson of Sweden.

Korean Recruits Have Bad Teeth

OTTAWA (CPA).—Nine of every ten men recruited for the Korean special force "required dental treatment," according to reported statements by army dental corps officers here. Reason given by military dentists for the volunteers' poor teeth: most of them came from low-income families and more from remote districts; they hadn't received the dental care better-off Canadian city-dwellers take for granted.

Similar dental statistics were being recorded for the European special force it was reported.

Of one group of 194 recruits, only 28 didn't need dental treatment. For the rest, army dentists filled 615 cavities, pulled 237 teeth, put in 78 partial and 34 full dentures plus four bridges and did 28 miscellaneous dental chores.



QUEEN ELIZABETH II who with the death of her father King George VI now ascends the British throne.

Ontario CCF Is Busy Organizing

TORONTO (CPA).—Ontario C.C.F.'ers are solidly back on their feet after the staggering blow of the Nov. 22 Provincial election. That's the opinion of Ken Bryden, one of two full-time organizers now in the field; building up C.C.F. organization in Ontario. (Other is Fred Young, former Maritime organizer).

Among the first jobs of the C.C.F. recruiters, he explained will be establishment of machinery to bring union P.A.C. workers into "closer touch with" other C.C.F.'ers.

Bryden, who joined the C.C.F. Ontario staff as Education Director, and who served as Deputy Minister of Labor in the Saskatchewan government for some years, will work in the Hamilton and Niagara Peninsula areas. Young will be setting C.C.F.'ers to knocking on doors in Central Ontario.

Helping them in south-western Ontario during February will be C.C.F. National Treasurer Donald C. MacDonald.

Robert Shaw President Camrose C.C.F. Assn.

Robert Shaw of Hawke is the new president of the Camrose C.C.F. Constituency Association. Other officers elected at the annual meeting held last week were Charles Coulter, Rosalind, vice-president and Harold Robeth, Rosalind, secretary. Archie Olsstad was named as the C.C.F. candidate in the forthcoming provincial election.

The executive members were appointed to act as an election campaign committee, and were given power to add to their numbers.

Leduc Constituency News

At a recent meeting of the Modiste Creek C.C.F. Club, Lindale, the subject of a provincial election just around the corner, was discussed. It was decided to use our medium, the People's Weekly, to appeal to all C.C.F.'ers in the constituency of Leduc to get together in some place and elect a candidate. This club would like to hear from other clubs and members of the C.C.F. at large throughout the constituency.

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MONTREAL.—New life insurance business amounting to \$461,700,000 was sold by the Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada during 1951, the largest amount reported by any Canadian life company. Benefits paid by Sun Life during the period stand at an all-time high, amounting to \$125 million, the equivalent of \$490,000 for each working day. Total benefits paid since the first Sun Life policy was issued in 1871 now stand at \$2,486 million. George W. Bourke, President, in the 81st Annual Report released today, also announced a further increase in policyholders' dividends arising out of improved interest-earnings on the Company's invested assets—in 1951 3.70%, compared to 3.61% in 1950, 3.48% in 1949, and 3.30% in 1948.

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In commenting on the continuing favourable trend in policyholders' dividends, Mr. Bourke said that any permanent improvement in interest-earnings on the company's assets brings about a reduction in the cost of insurance. The interest rate earned during 1951 was 3.70% as compared with 3.61% in 1950, 3.48% in 1949 and 3.30% in 1948.

The 1951 Report of Canada's leading life company reveals that over the twelve month period more than \$1,800,000 of new business was received for each working day, the final total being an increase of more than \$20 million over the previous year.

A SOCIAL INSTITUTION

Mr. Bourke described the Company as a social institution in its function of distributing payments to beneficiaries in the form of death benefits, or to living policyholders in the form of retirement benefits and annuities. In 1951, a total of \$125 million was paid out for these purposes, including \$35 million to beneficiaries of deceased policyholders, \$16 million under annuity contracts, \$36 million for maturing endowments, and the balance in dividends to policyholders, disability benefits, etc.

Since the first Sun Life policy was issued in 1871, total benefits paid to policyholders and beneficiaries have amounted to \$2,486 million.

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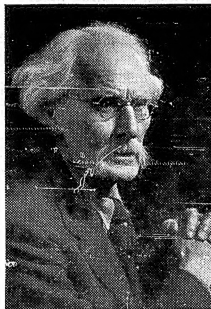
Plan Conference Asian Socialists

OTTAWA (CPA).—A conference of Parliamentary representatives of Asian Socialist parties will be held during March in Rangoon, Burma, to make plans for a full-scale conference of Asian Socialists at a later date, according to information reaching here.

Preceding the Rangoon meeting will be a conference of the Indonesian Socialist Party led by S. Djhrir, first Prime Minister of the new Republic. It will be held in Bandung, and will be given an informational note by observers from the Burmese, Indian Javanese and Pakistani Socialist Parties. Not to be confused with the Indonesian Socialist Party (PSI) is the "Socialist Party of Indonesia," a Communist front organization.

Two Ways Of Looking At It

By FRED HENDERSON



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Coldwell Broadcast On Tuesday, Feb. 26.

M. J. Coldwell, M.P., C.C.F. National Leader, will be the speaker in a "Nation's Business" broadcast on Tuesday, February 26th, at 9 p.m., over CBX.

This broadcast was originally scheduled for February 19 but due to the death of King George VI, the entire schedule has been pushed ahead a week.

To Keep The Record Straight

OTTAWA (CPA).—Canadian corporations are campaigning vigorously for a sharp cut in corporation taxes. The chances are they'll have some success.

To keep the record straight, here's the total of corporation profits after taxes for some recent years (source is the Bureau of Statistics study "National Accounts" Income and Expenditure, 1926-50):

1950	\$1,399-million
1949	1,175 million
1948	1,270 million
1947	1,099 million
1946	801 million
1942	663 million
1939	574 million

Socialists Ask For New German Election

BONN (CPA).—New West German elections have been demanded by Erich Ollenhauer, Deputy Chairman of the German Social Democratic Party, in a recent speech. He stated, that the Christian Democratic government of Chancellor Konrad Adenauer no longer had the confidence of the German people, that it had failed to deal effectively and fairly with German economic problems.

CCF Council Study New Draft Statement

OTTAWA (CPA).—Plans for an early federal election will be made by members of the C.C.F. National Council when they meet here March 1 and 2. Council members don't intend to be caught napping by any snap election the St. Laurent government may call.

Also on the Council agenda will be the final draft of a new statement of C.C.F. principles. Members will look over comments and suggestions from C.C.F.ers and C.C.F. organizations from all parts of Canada, will make any changes they think needed and will pass the statement on to the C.C.F. National Convention next summer.

Fred Henderson, Grand Old Man of the British Labor Movement, author of "The Case for Socialism," "The Economic Consequences of Power Production" and many other books which have had world-wide circulation, will be 85 on February 25th. He spent Christmas writing the poem below. Writing of it to C.C.F. Provincial Leader Elmer Roper, he said: "... it gets into some 60 lines or so my confession of faith as to what 85 years of life have taught me as to the meaning and purpose of man."

AT 30
Who is this Stranger that of late
I find
With haunting presence spoiling
my domain?
I dare not dance, and rarely catch
again
Youth's ecstasy and lark-song of
the mind;
For always now he lurks some-
where behind,
Cramping my joy with fear of
his disdain,
Mocking the morning rapture,
making vain
The hopes and ardors by his doubt
maligned.

Stranger? Or can it be—worst
fear of all—
That this is but my aging self at
bay,
Caught in life's trap and caged,
become a prey
To fears and reckonings, one for
whom the call
And magic of the Spring begins
to call;
Slipping from youth, from joy a
castaway?

AT 85
When youth, on joy intent, finds
its own soul
Harboring doubts of joy's suf-
ficiency
As purpose and fulfilment of
man's life,
Happy is he who, that illusion
faded,
Sees with a new discernment life's
real aim
In conflict and endeavor. Happy
indeed
Is he in whom that greater call
arouses
The enduring purpose and the
living will
To climb above the evil hates and
fears,
The vast immeasurable ignorance,
The cruelties, self-seekings, the
vile goods
That hang about us as our heri-
tage
Of origin and kinship with the
brute.

Always the conflict is within our-
selves,
Our own base self the foe in
arms against us.
To break the will, and mainspring
of our effort
With crippling doubts, infirmities
of purpose,
Perplexities of a divided spirit
That must arise when man, with
mind uncertain
Whether he yet be man or still is
beast—
Man become master of the beast
within him
Or beast still ruling in the deeds
men do—
When man, so torn, mortal and
finite man,
Yet finds within himself, at his
soul's core,
Infinite longings and a heart's
desire
The brute within us cannot satisfy:
Longings that will not let us rest
at ease,
Whose thwarting is a hell of tor-
ment to us,
At whose compulsion we must
fight and strive,
Make sacrifice and suffer agonies,
Counting the crosses and the hem-
lock cups,
The crowns of thorn as gain if
they but serve
Subdue the ape and tiger in our
blood.

When I look back on the whole
past of man
I see the shape and sequence of
his life
As this one purpose struggling
for expression.
A blind and groping impulse at
its birth
In that dark jungle of primeval
life
Where every creature crept about
in fear
To meet a stronger killer than
itself;
A world where no star shone, giv-
ing no sign
Of any mercy in its scheme of
things
Save only in the dawning mind of
man
The first faint stirrings of an
urge to find
Place for compassion in the ways
of life.

There was the germ of the new
life for man,
The insistent urge and craving
that has grown
In slow transition through the
long, long ages
From the blind impulse to the
awakened will,
With ever clearer vision of its
goal
And ever widening knowledge at
its service
Shaping men's ways afresh, an
earth attuned
To a new master purpose of good-
will.

That purpose we must carry to
fulfilment,
Live for, keep faith with, at what-
ever cost,
Till we have set our human life
securely
Beyond the power of the beast to
savage
In the strong keeping of a world
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Personal Stuff

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Liberals. There has been a tremendous resurgence of C.C.F. organization in the province. In a by-election last year the government won a Liberal seat that it never was able to win before. Two things are contributing to the renewed support of the government. One is the unpopularity of the Liberals in Saskatchewan. The other is the realization of the fine job Tommy Douglas and his colleagues are doing for the people of the province. In this connection I had an interesting experience one day last fall. I was having breakfast in a Toronto hotel with two men from Saskatchewan who are such good friends that we had never talked politics, they being bitterly opposed to the C.C.F. government and respecting my feelings in the matter. But on the morning of which I write, the question of an election this year did come up and I ventured to ask what they thought the outcome would be. Both said immediately

that the government would go back as strong as ever it was. I then asked why they thought that. One of them said, "Mr. Blank can tell you. He spent four months in the hospital, this year!" It was true. And Mr. Blank, who is a retired civil servant, living on what I gather is an adequate, but not lavish income, was not reluctant to express his feelings. "I can't see," he said, "why any ordinary citizen who has experienced the wonderful benefits of the hospitalization scheme would want to vote against the government. And I have to admit too, that we're getting good, honest government." Mr. Blank was expressing the prevailing sentiment in Saskatchewan.

With respect to Alberta, those who read these lines probably know more about the probable outcome of the coming election than I do. I can only feel greatly encouraged by the fact that our C.C.F. membership is proceeding with vigor and determination in many constituencies to nominate candidates and plan an active campaign. First C.C.F. candidate to be named is Archie Olstad, of Edberg, for the Camrose constituency. He's a young farmer, active in his community, greatly liked and highly respected by all who know him and a credit to the C.C.F. I cannot too strongly urge C.C.F. people in all the constituencies to follow the Camrose example and get a candidate in the field as soon as possible. Give your man a chance to get around and get acquainted before the campaign starts. In the meantime, have you sent in your 1952 membership to the provincial office?



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of tax revenues over expenses, now estimated at \$721 million, likely to end the year at \$300 million. Tories claim it represents unnecessary taxation, especially on the profits of giant corporations which back them. Government explanation is that the surplus reduces the amount of cash seeking goods, should bring prices down. (Fact is they use it to pay back the national debt, puts it right back into circulation by giving it to bondholders.)

Slated for nearly as much attention by C.C.F. spokesmen, as the high-price issue is the government's half-promise of a Parliamentary Committee to study possible health insurance proposals. If the Committee is formed C.C.F. M.P.s will press for early legislation to introduce a national health plan for Canada. Any concrete government proposal is likely to be limited to suggestions for federal subsidies to provincial schemes of hospital insurance.

With lay-offs in Central Canada and B.C. at their peak as Parliament opens, C.C.F. members from city ridings in Toronto, Vancouver and Winnipeg are likely to press for government action to ease the unemployment crisis and for boosted unemployment insurance benefits.

Annuities Act Changes
Still on the order paper is a government bill to change the Annuities Act, permit purchase of \$2,400 annuities (present maximum is \$1,200) and introduce a \$500 cash surrender value feature to government annuity contracts. Chances are the maximum will be boosted but the cash surrender proposal will be dropped despite its approval by a Parliamentary Committee last fall. The \$500 feature has been bitterly opposed by powerful insurance companies. (They feel it will destroy the only argument they can use to persuade buyers to purchase their more expensive endowment policies and annuities—"you can't get your money back from a government annuity.")

International issues for the M.P.s will include not only

N.A.T.O.'s economic and military headaches but the part the Canadian government should play in schemes to aid underdeveloped areas in Asia, and elsewhere. C.C.F. members can be counted on to hit the governments' \$25 million a year Colombo plan contribution as tragically inadequate.

Pre-election items on the Parliamentary agenda will include prolonged haggling over redistribution of seats according to the new census figures (biggest change: Saskatchewan loses five members). And there will be windy arguments between true-blue Tories and ultra-nationalists over the appointment of a Canadian Governor General.

Typo. W.A. To-Meet

The Woman's Auxiliary to International Typographical Union No. 604, is holding its regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Grover Collins, 11524 - 89 St., on Wednesday, March 5, at 2:30 p.m.

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Urge Agnes Macphail For A Senate Post

Lethbridge C.C.F. at its last meeting passed a resolution urging Prime Minister St. Laurent to appoint Miss Agnes Macphail to the Senate.

The move to appoint Miss Macphail to the Senate has been started by the National Y.W.C.A. in Toronto and they are asking other women's organizations to join them in pressing for the appointment.

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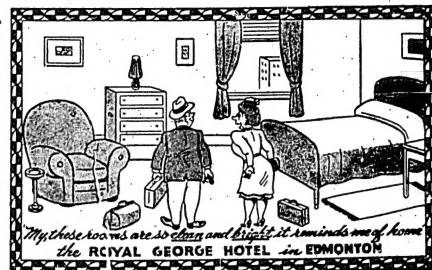
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